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This is an excellent and interesting study. The authors have adequately addressed all the comments raised by previous reviewers.

Just one minor point. I think in the Introduction, the authors should appreciate the latest advances in the seasonal hydroclimate forecast using hybrid dynamic-statistical approaches, such as Wanders et al. (2017). Seasonal forecast is also key for drought impact reduction, e.g., related to food security and water resources management (He et al., 2019; Sheffield et al., 2014; He et al., 2021).

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